

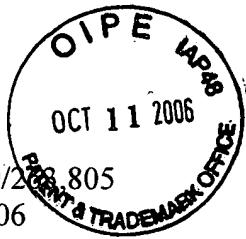
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Y. HIROTA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2255  
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Patent No.: 7,072,506 : Group Art Unit: 2623  
Filed: March 08, 1999 : Examiner: SHERALI, Ishrat I.



For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND COLOR IMAGE DETERMINATION METHOD THEREOF

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.322**

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In reviewing the above-identified patent, a printing error was discovered therein requiring correction in order to conform the Official Record in the application.

The error noted is set forth on the two attached copies of form PTÓ-1050 Rev. 2-93 in the manner required by the Commissioner's Notice.

Specifically, On the Title Page of the Letters Patent, under section "(76) Inventors", change **ALL** the inventors addresses **from** " c/o Minolta Co., Ltd., Osaka Kokusai Building., 3-13, 2-Chome, Azuchi-Machi, Chuo-Ku, Osaka-Shi, Osaka (JP) " **to** -- Aichi-Ken, (JP) --, and under section "(76) Inventors", insert -- (73) Assignee: Minolta Co., Ltd, Osaka, JP --. For your immediate reference attached are photocopies of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Assignment filed in this case.

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The change requested herein occurred as a result of printing the Letters Patent and the Certificate should be issued without expense under Rule 322 of the Rules of Practice. Accordingly, Applicants request issuance of the Certificate of Correction.

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WHEREAS, Yoshihiko Hirota, Katsuhisa Toyama, Shoji Imaizumi,  
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hereinafter called the "Assignor", has invented a new and useful invention entitled  
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND COLOR  
IMAGE DETERMINATION METHOD THEREOF. for which he has:

- (a) filed an application for United States Letters Patent on  
March 8, 1999 as (Serial No.09/263,805); or
- (b) executed an application for United States Letters Patent on  
\_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, MINOLTA CO., LTD, a corporation organized  
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Assignor has hereunto set his hands and affixed his seal.

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND COLOR IMAGE DETERMINATION METHOD THEREOF, the specification of which

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I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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**Prior Foreign Application(s)**

Country	Application Number	Date of filing (day/month/year)	Priority Claimed
JAPAN	10-057025	09/03/1998	YES
JAPAN	11-005120	12/01/1999	YES

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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